

## Speaker

Dr. Rick J. Morris, OD, PA is a Board-Certified Optometric Physician in Vision Therapy and Rehabilitation with a Fellowship in the College of Optometrist in Vision Development (COVD). He is a Developmental Neuro-Optometrist that works with children and adults with symptoms and conditions related to ADHD, Autism Spectrum, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and post-concussion, developmentally disabled, strabismus, amblyopia (lazy eye), sensory processing disorders, visual processing, and more. He provides testing and training for professional and amateur athletes, including children.

Dr. Morris graduated from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, TN in 1986. In 1990, he founded the Center for Better Vision in Florida to further his dedication to the visual system, learning-related visual problems, and approaches to improve functional outcomes.

Dr. Rick Morris is a recognized national speaker, has been an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern College of Optometry, and is an owner of a successful private practice in Lakewood, CO since 2016 and in Boca Raton, FL from 1990-2016.

## Learning Objectives

1. To understand the difference between “Eyesight” and “Vision”.
2. To understand the many patterns of the learned process of vision.
3. To understand how visual perceptual organization is the ultimate process in the development of the total child.
4. To understand four areas of performance and their unity as related to visual-motor organization and development.
5. To learn modifications of visual development in different environments.
6. To experience/observe use of different lenses and prisms to alter space on X, Y, and Z axis’.

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# Vision & Child Development

## *Seeing the Link*

Presented by  
**Dr. Rick Morris, OD, PA**  
**A Behavioral Optometrist**

**Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019**

**Portland, ME (8:30 – 4:00 PM)**

**Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019**

**Manchester, NH (8:30 – 4:00 PM)**

## Course Description

Vision is more than 20/20 eyesight. It embraces enormous areas of the brain and involves the nervous system, which also impacts functional and learning skills. The behavior of the eyes is integrated with movement skills in areas such as fine motor, gross motor, and even communication. Research shows that poor eye movements relate to difficulties with reading, mathematics, and other learning skills due to ineffective visual tracking, binocularity, visual-motor, and visual perceptual skill development.

This conference will teach the participants about functions, patterns, and behaviors of the eyes as related to visual and motor patterns for functional and learning outcomes. Participants will learn how vision development and child development are tightly linked together. Participants will learn of visual screening techniques and exercises, and experience hands-on demonstrations. They will learn of modifications of visual development for home, school, and office environments as well as approaches to use right away to improve skills of those they work with following the conference.

## Target Audience

Occupational Therapists, Regular and Special Education Teachers, Speech & Language Pathologists, Case Managers, Vision Specialists Physical Therapists, Specialists, Social Workers, Psychologists, School Administrators, Educational Paraprofessionals, Behavior Therapists, Parents, and others.

**Come as a Team!**

**Vision is what we have seen-felt-done.  
Meaningful Vision is learned and developable.**

## Schedule

8:00 – 8:30 AM Check-in & Continental Breakfast Included  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM - Conference with an AM & PM break  
12:00 – 1:00 PM – Lunch break (On Your Own)

### Vision:

#### **A. Definition**

#### **B. Learned Process**

1. Gross Motor Patterns
2. Fine Motor Patterns
3. Eye Motor Patterns
4. Communication Patterns
5. Visualization Patterns
6. Visual Perceptual Organization

#### **Lunch: One Hour – On Your Own**

#### **C. Skeffington's Four Circles**

1. Anti-Gravity (“Where am I”)
2. Centering (“Where is it”)
3. Identification (“What is it”)
4. Speech/Auditory
5. Vision

#### **D. Modifications of Visual Development**

1. Environment at home
2. Environment at school/office
3. Lenses – alter space on Z axis
4. Prisms – alter space on X, Y axis

### **Questions and Answers**

## Credits

A Certificate of Attendance for 6.0 hrs. will be given to all participants at the end of the conference.

## Registration Information

**Register on our Website at:**  
**[www.coastaleducationservices.com](http://www.coastaleducationservices.com)**

## Rates/Registration Deadlines

# Registrants	Early Reg. On or Before October 12th	Standard Reg. October 13th & after
1	\$169.00 ea.	\$179.00 ea.
2 or more*	\$159.00 ea.	\$169.00 ea.

**\*Registration and Payment or Purchase Order must be received together.**

## ??? Questions ???

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## Conference Locations:

**Nov. 13, 2019 – The Clarion Hotel**

1230 Congress St., Portland, ME

**Nov. 14, 2019 – Executive Court Banquet Facility**

1199 So. Mammoth Rd., Manchester, NH

**Hotel information is listed on our website.**

**REFUND POLICY:** Substitutions may be made at any time. Cancellations must be received in writing no later than October 12, 2019. The fee will be refunded minus a \$25.00 processing fee. If written cancellation is received Oct. 13, 2019 or later, a credit voucher for a future seminar sponsored by Coastal Education Services will be issued. Credit vouchers are transferable and do not expire. If the seminar must be cancelled the full registration will be refunded. Returned checks will be charged a \$35.00 fee.